



## A Prayer for Christmas

**B**eloved Father be blessed for having lighted up in the darkness of this world, the Morning Star of Christ's Face. By His Eyes full of Grace and of Love, Thou hast shown the Heavens to those who mourn. Thou hast given to us a gracious and hopeful outlook from the Valley of Death towards the Everlasting Mountains from which our help doth come.

 His hands, full of tenderness and sweet power, have touched our old wounds and they are healed, have touched our sins and they are forgiven. The feet of this merciful Pilgrim have turned the dust of our paths into pure gold.

In His footsteps through the wilderness flowers grow, and streams of Living Water spring down from sterile rocks.

 Beloved Father, while all Christendom kneels around the Manger of Bethlehem, send us a new spirit, teach us new songs, give us the very Christmas mind. Turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers; give joy to the hopeless, bring into the right way those who are going astray, give confidence to the trembling ones, free bonded hearts, open blind eyes and unstrop deaf ears. As on this day we make the hearts of the little ones joyous; so, O Merciful Father, let us all become children again, with simple faith, with trustful hearts, with ready wills, with pure endeavor.

 And this blessed Birthday of Jesus shall become the birthday of a new creation and awaken among us a spirit which beareth all things, believeth all things, loveth all things.

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